

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, April 20, 2023 – 3:00 PM
Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third St., Detroit, Michigan 48226

I. Chairperson Bryan Ferguson called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. Invocation. Deputy Chief Chaplain Yolanda Stinson provided the invocation.

Chairperson Ferguson called for 5-minute recess. The meeting proceeded.

Commissioner Burton motioned for 5-minute recess. No second the motion failed.

III. Oral Communications / Public Comments.

Minister Eric Blount, Minister Yolanda Grier, Ms. Sharon Pannell, Mr. Robert Carmack, Ms. Lynett Sluis, Ms. Brenda Hill, D4 CAC Member Scotty Boman, Ms. Taura Brown, 124, Mr. Rhuben Crowley, Former Commissioner William Davis, and Boxparty, LLC provided public comments.

IV. Introduction of Police Commissioners. A roll call was held, and a quorum was declared.

Detroit Board of Police Commissioners' Membership / Attendance		
	In Attendance	Not-In Attendance
Bryan Ferguson, Chairperson	Yes	
Annie Holt		Excused
Cedric Banks	Yes	
Willie E. Bell		Excused
Linda D. Bernard, Esq.	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter		Excused
Jesus Hernandez		Excused
Rev. Jim Holley, PhD.	Yes	
Ricardo Moore	Yes	
QuanTez Pressley		Excused
Quorum (Yes)	6	

V. Chairperson Ferguson requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, April 20, 2023. The motion to insert New Business after the Chair Report. The motion was accepted and adopted.

VI. Chairperson Ferguson requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for April 13, 2023, with any corrections. The minutes were adopted as presented.

VII. Introductions of Board administrative and investigative staff, the Chief of Police, Elected Officials or Representatives.

VIII. Chair Report: Chairperson Ferguson reported on BOPC and DPD activities and provided updates, and reports for the Board and the community.

IX. New Business.

Commissioner Burton motion "that the Board of Police Commissioners unappoint Lawrence Akbar." No second the motion failed.

Commissioner Burton motion "that the Board of Police Commissioner unappoint Ms. Melanie White." No second the motion failed.

There was no quorum after these motions was made.

X. Report from Board Secretary Victoria Shah / Communication (Submitted to BOPC as incoming information).

1. Correspondence from the Auditor General Office Re: Performance Audit of the City of Detroit Board of Police Commissioners Audit Scope Extension
2. Correspondence from Chief of Police James E. White Re: Detroit Police Basic Recruit Class 2023-C Graduation Ceremony on Friday, April 28, 2023 at Greater Grace Church
3. Correspondence from Chief of Police James E. White Re: Ceremony for the New Detroit Police Academy
4. City Council BOPC Budget Analysis Responses FY2023-2024
5. City Council BOPC Budget Responses FY2023-2024
6. BOPC Itemized Proposed Budget FY2023-2024
7. Grievance Labor Relations File # 2023-04
8. Labor Relations Employee Grievance
9. Michigan Clean Slate Legislation Overview

Board Secretary Victoria Shah stated DPD will provide notifications to the Board on any arrest of DPD members. OCI updates, Supervisors are coaching investigators on inventory management strategies to drive more consistent production while maintaining thorough investigations. Five (5) new investigators are scheduled to start training on May 1, 2023. Some OCI Admin functions, including updates to the database, are running behind due to recent shifts in workloads and unexpected absences. Two (2) Administrative Team Admins are being cross-trained starting April 21, 2023 on OCI Admin functions to assist with the workload. Updates regarding open positions, there is a posting for Investigator until April 22, 2023; the Executive Manager position is posted on the city website until April 28, 2023; and the appointment for the Chief Investigator will be effective May 1, 2023. Corporation Counsel Conrad Mallett replied on April 18, 2023, denying the Board's request to recruit and appoint a Board Attorney and Legal Assistant as such Human Resources will not post these budgeted positions. At the March 30, 2023 meeting, the Board received a preliminary copy of the License Plate Readers (LPR) Specification Report, in order to procure additional LPR's. DPD is asking for priority for the Board to provide input and approval for these specifications. In pursuant to Ordinance Under section 17-5-451 through 17-5-459 and the satisfaction of the public BOPC Staff are prepared to coordinate a public hearing proposed for May 11, 2023. This will promote transparency by allowing the public to hear and see specifications of this surveillance technology. Also, the Admin Team can schedule a Policy Committee meeting before or after that hearing, or it can be handled by the Full Board.

XI. Adjournment.

Chairperson Ferguson adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.